

none are better fitted to correct the errors of modern times. They are fitted for every age and condition of the world, for every class and degree. And when He is once formed within us the hope of glory, He is from that day the inspiration and treasure of the heart. We must point our people to the sacrifice offered up once for all as the clearest, fullest proof of a Saviour's love. It is the exposition of His heart's desire, and the constant witness to men of that love that passeth knowledge. If before the cross we get the most profound conceptions of sin as that abominable thing which God hates; if we there have opened up to us the depths of human guilt and condemnation, so there also before that same cross we get the grandest exposition of the divine character, and the fullest display of the mingled majesty and mercy of God. No letting down of His righteous claims, and no letting go of His lost sheep. The divine honor is sustained, and the law magnified by the very means through which an exiled family is recalled—herein indeed is love. Again and again the preacher must urge his people to make this wonderful exchange of the Gospel, so unlike the world's way of barter that it won't believe it to be true. Accept Christ as their substitute and lay all their sins on Him, and receive His righteousness, His grace, His spirit. He made *poor* that they may be made *rich*. He wearing the cross that they might wear the crown. He dying that they might live for evermore. He made a *curse* that they might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Mere human sympathy without the truth leaves you helpless in the great emergency. You can only lay a feeble hand upon the wound. Your own sympathy and philosophy cannot minister to human wants and woes. Go to a despairing heart, enter a stricken home, talk to the bereaved mother whose darling child has just been laid in yon newly-made grave; speak to those crushed by many a burden; stand by the bed of death and talk with the dying; and how unfit for that holy work when no God is standing behind you. When you yourself are the source of all you say. When you have no message to bring from Christ. But the Gospel shows how thoroughly Christ and the soul belong to each other, and that you are never to suppose that He is too far off for the need, or the need too insignificant for His loving care. Many fail in their mission because they attempt to minister to man and soothe him in his